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In re Application of

John M. Rice

Application No. 10/750,738

Filed: December 31, 2003

Attorney Docket No. Rice Wedge

DECISION ON PETITION

TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER

37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 3,2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age, must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes copy of applicant's driver's license. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to April Wise at 571-272-1642.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3742 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

April M. Wise Petitions Examiner

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